

EWG FARM SUBSIDY DATABASE—TOP 100 RECIPIENTS OF FARM SUBSIDIES IN 2001 WISCONSIN—Continued

Rank	name	Location	Farm Subsidy Total 2001
93	Walter Farms, Inc.	Elkhorn, WI 53121	160,200.95
94	New Age Custom Farming LLC	Prairie Du Sac, WI 53578	159,963.83
95	Robert C Traiser	Osceola, WI 54020	159,280.25
96	Edward H Montsma	Fond Du Lac, WI 54937	159,213.90
97	Larry V Pravechek	Luxemburg, WI 54217	158,312.30
98	David R Faschingbauer	Bloomer, WI 54724	157,905.30
99	David A Sayre	Edgerton, WI 53534	157,227.54
100	Thomas P Sayre Jr	Edgerton, WI 53534	157,227.17

Source: USDA. Compiled by EWG.

I would ask Governor Thompson to give us the answer. If he is a great advocate for the best use of the taxpayers money, why has he never spoken out against the farm subsidies that are clearly being abused in Wisconsin, and I cited Wisconsin only because Governor Thompson is from Wisconsin and he happens to be the man who is pushing now for an even more regressive and even more punitive bill than we have presently, a law that will give no room to breathe for people on welfare in terms of they must get a job but we do not want to give them an education, a chance to get an education.

The present law will not allow anybody to go for a single day to an institution of higher learning. Vocational education is all they can do. Once we had in New York City, and the Federal Government did not prohibit it, a program which allowed people to go to junior college, 2 years of junior college while they were on welfare in order to get their education, complete it to the point where they could become a tax payer.

Study after study has shown that once people get even a degree from a junior college or from a senior college, once they get into that realm, they pay back far more to the tax rolls than they ever received as welfare recipients. It is common sense and yet the Federal law now forbids any State to allow people to go in an institution of higher learning. They have to be vocational education only; and yet the jobs that are needed are the nursing job, the dental hygienist job, the jobs in information technology. They are all in an area which requires about 2 years of college.

If we want to give a person a chance to get off welfare, to not receive a safety net subsidy, then let them go all the way to the point where they can get a decent job. That is not allowed under current law.

So I am trying to make it understood to my constituents, to the constituency of others; and I think that when we have our debate next week on temporary assistance to families in need we will find out, needy families, we will find out whether there are any advocates for the poor.

Are the Democrats going to advocate for that group out there that has nobody here to speak for them? They are far more than 2 percent of the population.

Farmers are very well organized. The farmers have great, giant scrooges among them who did their homework

years ago. The Department of Agriculture is the second largest agency in the Federal Government. Why at this time in America, when the population producing agricultural product is less than 2 percent of the population, why is the Department of Agriculture still the second largest agency in the Federal Government?

Somebody has done their homework very well. Those Scrooges know how to organize. Those Scrooges know how to take from those in need and make certain that they always have subsidies greater than they should be getting, farmers home loans, disaster for farmers, et cetera.

If there are Members of Congress listening who represent poor people, as I do, I am sure they are telling them what I tell them, that in America, people have the same opportunity. People have got to organize. People have got to come out and vote. Forty-nine percent of the American people who are not voting are the answer to all these problems.

The great angels of America need them. Those people have the spirit of wanting to spread our wealth and our know-how and our system of government throughout the world. They want to combat terrorism. They want to make certain that civilization is not subject to all these dark and negative forces that are seeking to pull us down, the al Qaeda network and the people who think women ought to be treated like cattle and the people who have great contempt for democracy and do not want everybody to have a vote, the people who are stealing their countries blind, all of the resources of the country going to the hands of a few.

There are forces out there which are in numbers greater than we are, and the only way we are going to conquer those forces is to have our own forces released. The great angels of America have to overcome the giant Scrooges. The giant Scrooges are always pressing to give our resources to the smallest number of people, and that is no way to keep America great.

A nice way to defend our interests. Our interests have to be defended because we are generous. We are willing to use our know-how and our constitutional civilization to the advantage of every American, willing to use our constitutional civilization to the advantage of people all over the world.

"Let's roll, America. Set the tracks of destiny straight. Don't look back but close the gate, toast the past but change the cast. In every language of

the earth to the country of all Nations we have proudly given birth. At the Olympics of forever we will win all the races; we are Great Angels of tomorrow with magic mongrel faces.

"Let kindergartners take a poll, full baby bellies is our favorite goal, usher in the age of soul."

"America, let's roll."

CORRECTION TO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF APRIL 17, 2002

The following general leave statement by Mr. BEREUTER was inadvertently placed under the motion to recommit offered by Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. It should have been placed under the motion to instruct conferees offered by Mr. SMITH of Michigan for H.R. 2646, on page H1382.

Mr. BEREUTER. Madam Speaker, this Member rises in strong support of the motion to instruct conferees on the issue of payment limitations which the distinguished gentleman from Michigan (Mr. SMITH) has offered.

It is clear that strong payment limitation language would improve the integrity of the farm program payments and help to retain public support for these programs essential to rural areas. Making this change will also help prevent the overwhelming consolidation of farms that has resulted in a decrease in small- and medium-sized family farm operations. The savings achieved from this provision could then be directed to other worthwhile agricultural programs.

A survey conducted by 27 land grant universities found that 81 percent of the agricultural producers across the country supported placing limits on support payments thereby directing dollars to where they are actually intended. Furthermore, a 2001 General Accounting Office report found that in recent years, more than 80 percent of farm payments were made to large- and medium-size farms. In 1999, for instance, 7 percent of the nation's farms—those with gross agricultural sales of \$250,000 or more—received about 45 percent of the payments. With Congress facing so many spending priorities, we must demonstrate to our constituents that we are using taxpayers' money more efficiently.

It is important to note that this motion to instruct expresses support for redirecting these funds to agricultural research and conservation. Our choice is clear—we can continue to funnel millions of dollars to some of the wealthiest farms or we can make an investment in the future of agriculture which will benefit all producers and all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, this Member strongly supports the motion to instruct and encourages his colleagues to vote for it.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to: